

LITERARY ITEMS.

The Handbook of Travel, by Edward H. Hall, is new in press, and will soon be issued, complete in one volume, by D. Appleton & Co.

A new instruction book in Phonography and Reporting, by Mr. James E. Munson, the official stenographer of the Supreme Court of this country, is now in press. The title of the work is "The Complete Phonographer." The illustrations and reading lessons were engraved by Mr. Chaceay M. Thorpe.

Mr. John Stuart Mill is now engaged, at Avignon, in editing the collected works of the late Mr. Buckle, the author of the "History of Civilization."

Dr. Charles Vogt it is said, will give at the beginning of the new year a series of lectures on "Social Philosophy," Paris on the Quai des Orfèvres. Dr. Charles Vogt is a celebrated man, and is being the friend of Prince Napoleon, whom he accompanies in his travels.

The Figaro gives the following account of the literary predictions of the Bishop of Orleans—"Mgr. Dupuis's enlightened love of letters is well known. He keenly enjoys the drama, and more heroes than statesmen have been created by him. He is nearly the whole chapter describing the interview of the two lovers at Hastings on the Hudson is a charming and beautiful piece of description. Those who have ever visited this place will at once recognize its beauty to nature. The chapter alone worth the author to a high position among those who have most faithfully pictured American society with their pens." * * * This story has in it delicate elements of popularity. The plot is good, the descriptive passages are full of vigor and life, the incidents follow each other naturally, and are strikingly narrated, and the different characters are well sustained.

New Publications.

A THOROUGHLY ORIGINAL STORY OF AMERICAN LIFE.

HARPER & BROTHERS, New-York.
Published This Day.

THE SANCTUARY,
A STORY OF THE CIVIL WAR.
By GIDEON WARD NICHOLS,
Author of "The Story of the Great March."

WITH ILLUSTRATIONS.
One, Cloth, Revised Ed., \$2.

From the N. Y. Tribune, Nov. 15.

We are rejoiced to welcome this addition to our war literature, written by one who has had an active participation in the great conflict, and who has already shown his ability in the description of some of its most important scenes. We alight to Col. George Ward Nichols, whose remarkable popularity on both sides of the Atlantic.

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THE RACE FOR WEALTH.

A NOVEL.

By Mrs. J. H. RINDLER, Author of "Marcell Drouthy," "Phoebe Kellar," &c. \$2.00, paper, 15 cents.

It has the same gentle philosophy and undanted questioning, the same strength of situation and purity of treatment, as noticeable in its predecessor.—Saturday Review.

Mrs. Riddle is seconding with rapid strides the ladder of fame, and it would be at present impossible to predict what rank she will ultimately hold among the women of the time.—[The Reader.]

HARPER & BROTHERS, New-York.
Have just published:

BOTT'S GREAT REBELLION. The Great Rebellion Its Seige, History, Heroism, and Disasterous Failure. By the Hon. Simon B. BOTT, Esq. Cloth, Revised, \$2.50.

KISSING THE ROSE. A Novel. By EDMUND YATES, Author of "Black Sheep," &c. \$2.00.

PRINCIPIA LATINA, Part II. A First Latin Reading-book, containing an Epitome of Caesar's Gallic War, and L'Huillier's Lives of Distinguished Romans, with a Short Introduction to Roman Antiquities, Notes, and a Dictionary. By WILLIAM SMITH, LL.D., Editor of "A Dictionary of Greek and Roman Biography and Mythology." "A Dictionary of Greek and Roman Antiquities," "A Classical Dictionary," &c., and HENRY DRILLER, LL.D., Professor of Latin in Columbia College, New-York, Editor of Liddell and Scott's Greek Lexicon, Black, Piratical Cloth, \$1.50.

AN AMERICAN FAMILY IN GERMANY. By J. Ross Browne, author of "The Land of the Thousand Lakes." The story of William the Silent to the Twelve Years' Truce, is advertised in this number. It is a very interesting narrative, and also letters of private persons, with maps, and a detailed description of the designs or letters of the disaffected and lepers, which, falling into the hands of the Government, were used by it against their authors.

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The celebrated astronomer, Sir John E. W. Herschel, has made a translation of the celebrated labor and the celebrated Herschel into English accentuated hexameters.

The (London) Times, in a leading article on a recent fatal accident at Mount Blanc, suggests that the time may perhaps come when steps and iron rods and galleries will lead to the monarch of mountains' summit, which will be surmounted by a hotel with a field of flags. This idea of the popular writer, who was very fond of the Alps, is due to Mr. John Parry, in two of the latest sketches of his "Himalayan Travels," where he shows the popular lecturer giving his entertainment to an *afreest* audience, with his real scenery in the background.

M. Bouillon, who, about a year ago, was communicating with us from the Alps, has discovered a very large number of manuscripts, which he has been allowed to copy, with a view to writing a biography of the great astronomer. In communicating his results, M. Bouillon says, "I have the manuscript of the Italian Minister of Public Instruction from Signor Donati, the astronomer, and from other learned Italians. The scientific instruments used by them are all preserved, and photographs of them, taken by M. Bouillon, will be included in the approaching *Paris Exposition.*"

The fourth number of "The Pundit," a monthly journal of the Religious Colleges, devoted to Sanskrit literature, written in Sanskrit and English, contains an ingenious comparison of the Ball of Manu with not the Minotaurs, but his father, the King of Manu. The author, Mr. John Mitchell, of the Standard, having been challenged by Pierre Veron of the Oberlin, refused to fight with pistols as he was disabled, but said, "but he was very willing to do so." Mr. Veron, in a second challenge, accepted the duel, and the hand, which was unable to hold a pistol, could wield a sword. "It shall be bound to my arm," said Mitchell, and so he wriggled out of his awkward position, for the seconds would have nothing more to say to him.

Among the recent announcements of Mr. Bentley, the London publisher, is "Lovers from Hell," from the Danish Poet Laureate.

The Poet Laureate has joined the defenders of ex-slaves, and has given his subscription to the fund for his defense, which has now reached the aggregate of \$4,000. This is the fourth great literary name that has taken Mr. Eyre under its protection.—Carlyle, Ruskin, Kingsley, and Tennyson.

Fothingham, who has been writing with such other and rendering their creation richly colored, has now added to his list of books the *Great Publishing House*—a work which has already had the reputation of coming from the pen of a writer whom Dr. Johnson pronounced to be the best Greek scholar of his time. Mr. Higgins has had an excellent foundation, and, comparatively, has done well.

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